



# *Scoil Iosagain, Coolgreany* Newsletter

*Issue 1*

*October, 2011*

*Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter!*

We hope that this newsletter will be both informative and helpful to parents - and students alike. Our aim to keep you informed of holidays, in-service days, up-coming school events and general information on school life! We welcome any feedback that you may like to give or let us know if there is anything you would like to see included in the next issue.

*The Parents Association*

## *The Role of the Parents Association.....*

The function of the parents association is to work with and support the principal, teachers and board of management and to promote and maintain a good relationship / partnership between school and home.

All parents associated with the school are welcome to be part of the Association. A committee has been elected by the parents, and they will, on behalf of the Association liaise with the school to organise and manage any activities that need to be undertaken.

Educational research on the involvement of parents in schools shows that children achieve higher levels when parents and teachers work together.

## *Committee Members .....*

Fiadhnaít Ní Lionáin (*Chairperson*)  
Ciara Byrne (*Secretary*)

Andy Kinsella  
Chris Tallon  
Dorothy McCarthy  
Maria Carroll  
Paul O' Toole  
Sandra Cleary  
Sandra Coady  
Sinead Buttle  
Una Byrne  
Una Merrigan  
Wendy Cronin  
Yvonne Kavanagh  
Yvonne Menton

The Committee can be contacted through the school office at any time. (0402 - 37246).

*Mol an óige agus tíoctaidh sí*



# School Calendar 2011/12

<b>October</b>	Closed Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> (Presidential Election) & Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>November</b>	Closed 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday to Friday)
<b>December</b>	 Christmas Holidays Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon
<b>January</b>	School re-opens Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> . No other closure.
<b>February</b>	Mid-term Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	Closed 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>April</b>	Easter Holidays Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> inclusive
<b>May</b>	Closed Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> . Mid term Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>June</b>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> . Closed Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>



Summer Holidays commence Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon

## Tracksuit Days

Plain navy school tracksuits with white polo t-shirts can be worn on Thursdays & Fridays.

School Uniform (kilt; navy trousers; white shirt; tie & school jumper) to be worn Monday to Wednesday!



**GAA COACHING**  
Will commence after the Halloween break.



The Rackard League  
Well done to all the children who were involved.



Thank you to all parents for your support and time.

*Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí*

## First Holy Communion 2012

The 'Do this in Memory' Parish Preparation Programme for Communion has begun.

The following are the dates for the Masses in this programme.

The date has not yet been set for First Holy Communion 2012.

November	19 <sup>th</sup>
December	17 <sup>th</sup>
January	14 <sup>th</sup>
February	11 <sup>th</sup>
March	10 <sup>th</sup>
	31 <sup>st</sup>
April	20 <sup>th</sup>
June	9 <sup>th</sup>



*All of these Masses take place in Johnstown on Saturday at 6.30 p.m.*

### Extra Activities



At Scoil Iosagain our children are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities which compliment their curriculum based subjects.

All of these activities are taught by fully qualified teachers.

**Tuesday:** Keyboards with Bridget Kenny

**Wednesday:** Drama with Michael Way

**Thursday:** Hip Hop with Laura Kitt

Irish dancing will be taught by Mr. Meleady on an informal basis.

Your monthly family contribution goes towards meeting the cost of these, along with other running costs incurred by the school.

**Your continued support is greatly appreciated.**

The NPC - National Parents Council Primary is recognised by the Government and Education Act 1998 as the representative body for parents. They have set out guidelines to ensure the effective running of Parent Associations. One of these states-

*'Parent representatives elected to the board of management are automatically members of the committee, but will not hold an officer post.'*

As many of you are probably aware Maria Carroll was elected Chairperson of the Parents Association Committee at the A.G.M. and was also elected to the Board of Management. Unfortunately due to the above Maria has had to step down as Chairperson but will still play a very active role on the committee.

*Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí*

## School Garden Update by Pete Carroll

With the winter approaching all that remains in the school vegetable garden is a crop of Brussels Sprouts, hopefully ready in time for Christmas.

The first year of the garden can be declared a success, almost everything that was planted produced something. All of the children got to play a part in some form or another, either sowing the seeds, caring for the growth or harvesting the crop.

The work will continue throughout the winter months though, in preparation for next spring. All the beds need to be turned over, fresh soil added, weeding to be done and a general freshening up of the area, in order to keep up the enthusiasm of the children towards their garden.



### *Credit Union Schools Quiz*

#### **3rd & 4th Class**

Two teams from Coolgreany were announced as 2nd place winners in the final of the 2011 Credit Union Quiz in the 'Amber Springs' on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. Well done to all the children who took part in the first and second round of the

quiz from Coolgreany.

***You are all winners!***

Aoife Carroll  
Francesca Murray  
Joe Tallon  
Sam Coady

#### **5th & 6th Class**

Anthony Murray  
Aoife Moules  
Cathal Meenagh  
Ross Coady

#### ***Runners up presented with medals:***

Anabel Kavanagh  
Colm Meenagh  
Eoin McMahon  
Leanne Boland

